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ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEE (Instructions on Reverse)	ET	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)
PLAINTIFFS	DEFEND	ANTS
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)	ATTORN	TEYS (If Known)
PARTY (Check One Box Only)  □ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin  □ Creditor □ Other  □ Trustee	PARTY (€ □ Debtor □ Creditor □ Trustee	Check One Box Only)   U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin  Other
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE  NATURE O		, INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATUTES INVOLVED)
(Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as 1		ve cause as 2, second alternative cause as 3, etc.)
FRBP 7001(1) – Recovery of Money/Property  11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property  12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference  13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer  14-Recovery of money/property - other	61-Discha 68-Discha 63-Discha 64-Discha	) – Dischargeability (continued)  urgeability - \$523(a)(5), domestic support  urgeability - \$523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury  urgeability - \$523(a)(8), student loan  urgeability - \$523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation  than domestic support)
FRBP 7001(2) – Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien  21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	65-Discha	argeability - other  ) – Injunctive Relief
FRBP 7001(3) – Approval of Sale of Property  31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)	71-Injunc	ctive relief – imposition of stay
FRBP 7001(4) – Objection/Revocation of Discharge  41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)		) Subordination of Claim or Interest dination of claim or interest
FRBP 7001(5) − Revocation of Confirmation  51-Revocation of confirmation	_	Declaratory Judgment Declaratory judgment
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability  66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims  62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud	_	0) Determination of Removed Action mination of removed claim or cause
67-Dischargeability - \$523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny  (continued next column)	SS-SIPA 02-Other	Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa <i>et.seq</i> . (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court related to bankruptcy case)
☐ Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law		this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23
☐ Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint  Other Relief Sought	Demand \$	

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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN V	WHICH THIS	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING	ARISES
NAME OF DEBTOR		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO.	
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE
RELATED A	DVERSARY F	PROCEEDING (IF ANY)	
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	Γ	ADVERSARY
			PROCEEDING NO.
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDIN	NG	DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)			
DATE		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNE	Y (OR PLAINTIFF)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, \*unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 104 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

**Plaintiffs** and **Defendants.** Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

**Attorneys.** Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

**Demand.** Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

**Signature.** This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

\*Per LBR 7003-1, in the EDVA, a properly completed Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet is required.

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### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:	) Case No. 09-30805 (KRH)
, S & K FAMOUS BRANDS, INC., Debtors.	) Chapter 11 ) ) )
S&K FAMOUS BRANDS, INC. LIQUIDATING TRUST,	) ) ) Adv. Pro. No. 11 )
Plaintiff,	)
v. GATEWAY MARKETING, INC., DBA	) ) )
GATEWAY MARKETING INTERNATIONAL	) ) )
Defendant.	-

# THE LIQUIDATING TRUST'S COMPLAINT TO AVOID AND RECOVER PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS

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S&K Famous Brands, Inc. Liquidating Trust (the "Trust" and/or "Liquidating Trust" and/or "Plaintiff"), by counsel, in the above reference case, for its complaint (the "Complaint") against Gateway Marketing, Inc., dba Gateway Marketing International ("Defendant"), alleges as follows:

#### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. The Liquidating Trust brings this action against Defendant to avoid and recover certain preferential transfers that occurred during the 90-day period prior to the commencement of S& K Famous Brands, Inc.'s bankruptcy proceedings.

#### **THE PARTIES**

- 2. Article 6.2 of the First Modified Plan of Liquidation under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code proposed by the Debtor and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors dated December 7, 2009 (as confirmed, the "Plan") describes the assets to be transferred by the Debtor to the Liquidating Trust. These include "the right to commence, prosecute, settle, abandon and/or release any Avoidance Actions." Prior to the Effective Date (as hereafter defined) of the Plan, S & K Famous Bands, Inc.("S&K" or the "Debtor") was a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Virginia, maintained its principal place of business at 11100 W. Broad Street, Glen Allen, Virginia, and was the debtor in the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- 3. Upon information and belief, defendant Gateway Marketing, Inc., dba
  Gateway Marketing International is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware with its
  principal place of business in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
  - 5. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).
- 6. Venue of these chapter 11 cases and this adversary proceeding in this district and before this Court is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 7. The statutory and legal predicates for the relief requested by the Complaint are sections 105, 502, 503, 547, 550, and 558 of title 11, United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Bankruptcy Rules and 7001.

### **PERTINENT FACTS**

#### A. General Case Background

- 8. On February 9, 2009 (the "Petition Date"), S & K Famous Brands, Inc. (the "Debtor" and/or "S&K") filed a voluntary petition in this Court for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 9. The Debtor managed and operated its business as a debtor in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107 and 1108. In the ordinary course of business, the Debtor incurred certain liabilities.
- 10. On December 23, 2009, the Court entered an order (the "Confirmation Order") confirming the Plan. The Plan became effective on March 16, 2010 (the "Effective Date") as set forth in the Notice of Effective Date.
- 11. Pursuant to the terms of the Plan and the Confirmation Order, KDW Restructuring & Liquidation Services LLC, was appointed as the Liquidating Trustee, effective as of the Effective Date. Further, the Confirmation Order approved the S&K Famous Brands,

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Inc. Liquidating Trust Agreement (the "Liquidating Trust Agreement") attached to the Plan Supplement.

12. Article 6.2 of the Plan describes the assets to be transferred by the Debtors to the Liquidating Trust. These include "the right to commence, prosecute, settle, abandon and/or release any Avoidance Actions."

#### B. The Business Relationship Between S&K And Defendant

- 13. Prior to the commencement of this bankruptcy case, the Debtor was a leading retailer chain of men's apparel which sold value-priced clothing in more than 130 stores throughout the East Coast and Midwest.
- 14. During the course of the parties' relationship, the parties engaged in numerous transactions that are reflected in invoices, communications and other documents (collectively, the "Defendant's Agreements"), pursuant to which S&K paid Defendant for certain goods/services.
- 15. S&K and Defendant conducted business with one another up to and through the Petition Date, and thereafter, under the Defendant's Agreements.
- 16. During the ordinary course of the Debtor's business, the Debtor maintained books and records of its transactions with Defendant (the "Books and Records").

# C. <u>Transfers To Defendant Made Within 90 Days Prior To The</u> Petition Date

17. During the 90-day period prior to the commencement of S&K's bankruptcy case (the "Preference Period"), S&K transferred property to or for the benefit of Defendant in an amount not less than \$378,961.00. A list identifying each and every transfer

during the Preference Period is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> and incorporated herein by reference (collectively, the "Preferential Transfers" and each a "Preferential Transfer").

18. Plaintiff acknowledges that some of the Preferential Transfers might be subject to defenses under Bankruptcy Code section 547(c), for which the Defendant bears the burden of proof under Section 547(g). Plaintiff will work with Defendant to exchange applicable information in an effort to resolve any and all factual issues with respect to potential defenses.

#### **COUNT I**

### AVOIDANCE OF PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 547(b)

- 19. The Trust repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
  - 20. During the Preference Period, Defendant was a creditor of the Debtor.
- 21. Each Preferential Transfer identified on Exhibit A hereto was made to or for the benefit of Defendant.
- 22. Each Preferential Transfer was made for or on account of an antecedent debt or debts owed by the Debtor before such Preferential Transfer was made.
  - 23. Each Preferential Transfer was made during the Preference Period.
  - 24. Each Preferential Transfer was made while the Debtor was insolvent.
- 25. Each Preferential Transfer enabled Defendant to receive more than Defendant would have received if (i) the Debtor's chapter 11 case was instead a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) the transfers and/or payments had not been made; and (iii) Defendant received payment on account of the debt paid by the Preferential Transfers to the extent provided by the Bankruptcy Code.

26. Each Preferential Transfer constitutes an avoidable preference pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 547(b).

#### **COUNT II**

# RECOVERY OF PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 550

- 27. The Trust repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein
- 28. Defendant was either (i) the initial transferee of the Preferential Transfers, (ii) the entity for whose benefit the Preferential Transfers were made, or (iii) an immediate or mediate transferee of the Preferential Transfers.
- 29. Each Preferential Transfer that is avoided under Section 547(b) is recoverable pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550.
- 30. Subject to potential defenses, the Trust is entitled to recover the value of the Preferential Transfers pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550(a).

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Trust respectfully requests and prays that the Court:

- i. Pursuant to Counts I and II, enter judgment against Defendant under 11 U.S.C. §§ 547 and 550 and allow the Trust to avoid and recover the Preferential Transfers in an amount not less than \$378,961.00; and
- ii. Award the Trust prejudgment interest at the legally allowed applicable rate; and
  - iii. Award the Trust costs, and expenses of suit herein; and

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iv. Grant the Trust such other and further relief the Court deems just and

appropriate.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia January 28, 2011 TAVENNER & BERAN, PLC

/s/ Paula S. Beran

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### **EXHIBIT A**

## (Preferential Transfers)

## S&K Famous Brands, Inc. GATEWAY MARKETING INTN'L INC.

#### **EXHIBIT A**

Туре	Check/Wire No.	Check/Wire Date	Amount
Wire	74	11/18/2008	\$ 63,600.00
Check	538392	11/21/2008	\$ 98,209.72
Check	538393	11/21/2008	\$ 752.26
Check	538394	11/21/2008	\$ 10,000.00
Check	538410	11/24/2008	\$ 59,719.34
Check	538800	12/5/2008	\$ 65,692.48
Check	538801	12/5/2008	\$ 36,243.34
Check	540417	12/31/2008	\$ 20,663.46
Check	540566	1/9/2009	\$ 21,580.40
Check	540567	1/9/2009	\$ 2,500.00
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